

REMARKS

Upon entry of this amendment and the Preliminary Amendment filed August 25, 2003, Claims 18-43 will be pending. This amendment inserts a paper copy of the Sequence Listing filed in the parent application into this Divisional Application. Accordingly, no new matter has been added.

Sequence Listing

The paper copy of the Sequence Listing filed herewith for this application is identical to the paper copy and to the computer readable form (CRF) Sequence Listing filed on September 24, 2001 in the present application's parent: U.S. Application No. 09/856,486 (now allowed).

In accordance with 37 CFR § 1.821 (e), please use the computer readable form (CRF) filed on September 24, 2001 in the parent application as the computer readable form for the present application. It is understood that the Patent and Trademark Office will make the necessary changes in application number and filing date for the instant application.

CONCLUSION

The Applicants submit that this application is now ready for an early examination on the merits.

Respectfully submitted,

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